

**Request for approval of amendments to the non-rule policy governing the youth free hunting days for the years of 2012 and 2013; Administrative Cause No. 12-047D**

As indicated in the amendments to the non-rule policy governing free youth hunting days, these dates will provide opportunities for youth to hunt doves during the opening weekend or the first weekend of the dove season, as well as the weekend after Thanksgiving when rabbits, squirrels, deer, and several other species can be hunted.

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**SUBJECT:** Free Youth Hunting Days (IC 14-22-11-18)

**1. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to provide the dates for the Free Youth Hunting Days in the years of ~~2010~~ **2012** and ~~2011~~ **2013**, as authorized in IC 14-22-11-18.

**2. Background**

According to IC 14-22-11-18, the director of the Department of Natural Resources may designate up to four (4) days a year as free youth hunting days. The DNR usually designates these dates as the first full weekend after September 1 when dove and squirrel seasons are open (**or the first full weekend of the dove season**), as well as the weekend after Thanksgiving when deer, eastern cottontail rabbit, squirrel, and other gamebird and furbearer seasons are open, providing youth hunters with opportunities to hunt a number of species.

**3. Dates**

The Free Youth Hunting Days for the years of ~~2010~~ **2012** and ~~2011~~ **2013** are as follows:

<del>September 4 and 5, 2010</del>	<b>September 1 and 2, 2012</b>
<del>November 27 and 28, 2010</del>	<b>November 24 and 25, 2012</b>
<del>September 3 and 4, 2011</del>	<b>September 7 and 8, 2013</b>
<del>November 26 and 27, 2011</del>	<b>November 30 and December 1, 2013</b>